



Master of Public Administration

A Career in Public Service

Founded in 1969, the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at Northeastern is designed to integrate theoretical foundations with practical skills in the public sector. The MPA program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) and housed within the Department of Political Science. With classes scheduled after 5 PM or provided online, the program is designed for both full-time and part-time students. We seek students who share our commitment to the ideals of public service and advancing the public interest, and who meet high levels of academic excellence combined with ethical and professional integrity.

Combining Theory and Practice

The MPA program is directed toward defining and developing analytical, conceptual and practical competencies for management careers in the public, non-profit, or private sectors. Our goal is to work with you to help develop and sharpen the skills and capacities you'll need for a career in public service or in the nonprofit sector and increase your effectiveness as an administrator. With a combination of theoretical and practice-oriented courses, this program will prepare you to be effective in a dynamic and increasingly diverse professional environment.

Curriculum

Students must successfully complete 42 semester hours of credit (typically 14 courses), with 24 credits in eight required "core courses" and 18 credits in elective courses, relevant to their individual academic and professional goals. Those without prior relevant work experience complete an internship as one of the electives.

CORE FACULTY

- **Michael Dukakis**
Public Policy, Health Care Policy, American Politics
- **Ronald Hedlund**
Legislative Politics, Public Policy, Methodology
- **Woody Kay**
Public Policy, Organization Theory, Science and Technology Policy
- **Bill Miles**
Comparative and Developmental Politics, Ethnicity, Religion
- **Richard O'Bryant**
Urban and Community Technology, Urban Politics
- **John Portz**
Public Policy and Administration, Education Policy
- **David Rochefort**
Public Policy, Health and Mental Health Care, Social Welfare
- **Thomas Vicino**
Urban Public Policy and Political Economy, Suburbanization
- **Bruce Wallin**
Public Policy, Public Budgeting and Finance, American Politics

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Core Courses

- Institutional Leadership and the Public Manager
- Techniques of Policy Analysis
- Quantitative Techniques
- Public Personnel Administration
- Organizational Theory and Management
- Public Budgeting and Financial Management
- Economic Institutions and Analysis
- Capstone in Public Administration

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial aid is available through two major sources. First, there are a limited number of merit scholarships from the Department and University. There is no separate application for these scholarships, but if interested you should submit your admissions application and materials by **February 1** for consideration in the subsequent fall semester. Additionally, Northeastern University's Office of Financial Aid, www.financialaid.neu.edu, provides general information and application instructions for graduate funding through the federal aid program.

How to Apply

To apply to the MPA program, please submit the following:

- Completed online application
- Application fee
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Personal statement
- Current resume
- Three letters of recommendation

All materials must be submitted online through <https://app.applyyourself.com/?id=neu-grad>, with the exception of transcripts which should be mailed to: Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 128 Meserve Hall, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.

Application Deadlines

Domestic Students:

- August 1 for Fall Semester
- December 1 for Spring Semester

International Students:

- May 1 for Fall Semester
- October 1 for Spring Semester

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Award Winning Faculty
- Full or Part time Study
- Boston Fenway Location
- Merit-based Scholarships
- Convenient Evening and Online Courses

For additional information, contact:

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